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Official Diary
(Acting DD/I)

Thursday, 18 December 1952

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1. Conferred with [REDACTED], reporting aboard as Chief of China Research for O/RR. Gave him permission to clean up his DD/P activities, using such time, in the next month, as his own discretion indicated.

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2. Attended IAC meeting which approved Special Estimate on Albania and Project [REDACTED]. It was decided to release neither of these to the [REDACTED]. Later, following up on this matter with regard to [REDACTED], I suggested to DCI that it would be inadvisable to let the [REDACTED] of last September go completely unanswered as our silence might be treated as assent in discussions at the policy level. He agreed to my suggestion that an informal memorandum be prepared for [REDACTED] use which would include the gist of [REDACTED] without disclosing its existence as an independent paper.

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3. As per instruction, DCI at morning meeting and the IAC meeting, laid-on [REDACTED] to be prepared in a week or ten days in very brief form. Coordination would be achieved, if possible, otherwise the resulting paper would go to the Council as a CIA contribution.

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4. [REDACTED] reported that Macy of the Budget had come from a flappy conference at State where Henderson had indicated that 37 million American dollars was needed in the immediate future (i.e., part now and balance by end of FY 1953). In order to implement the Gutt recommendations and counter the unstable public reaction when Mossadeq's inflationary steps were disclosed. Macy is fishing around the Government to find what funds are available and wished to know what we could do. After checking briefly with DCI and DD/A, told him that on proper NSC directive, CIA would be prepared to seek release of its reserve to whatever extent needed, subject to reimbursement, if needed.

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5. At DCI directive, called Armstrong because of our complaint at the lack of cable information received by CIA on the Acheson-Eden talks in Paris. Armstrong later called back to say that during the period of Mr. Acheson's stay in Paris, there had been sent a total of 26 messages of which 19 had been sent to us in standard form and 7 on the sensitive arrangement. Apparently, with all the travelling back and forth, e.g., Paul Nitze, the Department kept itself informed more orally than by cable. Have asked [REDACTED] to check our records against Armstrong's figures.

6. Dry-ran Eisenhower briefing -- once for ourselves and once for DCI. Latter seemed pleased.

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8. Attended unveiling of Secretary Pace's official portrait. Chatted briefly with [REDACTED] new General Counsel, [REDACTED] General Hull, Director of the Budget Lawton, et al.

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